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In re Application of: : ATTN: PATENT PUBLICATIONS
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Serial No.: 09/897,757 : Group Art Unit: 1764
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AND INTERMEDIATE ELIMINATION OF H₂S FORMED DURING THE FIRST STAGE

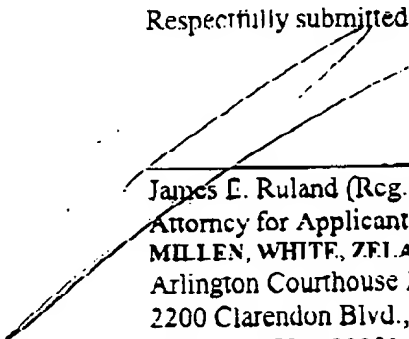
REQUEST FOR COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' respectfully request written acknowledgment of their claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/250,135 filed December 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted.

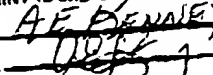

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